

State of Indiana



HOUSE RESOLUTION 16

WHEREAS, the year 1976 will be designated the bicentennial year marking the 200th anniversary of the formation of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the only major country in the world without a floral emblem; and

WHEREAS, each of the fifty states of the United States in addition to its state flag has a floral emblem which it cherishes as its own; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have adopted the American flag and the American eagle to represent the virtues of this country; and

WHEREAS, peoples of the world have adopted emblems for their country, representative of their national virtues; and

WHEREAS, the American marigold represents the character of the United States more appropriately as a floral emblem than any other flower in that the marigold is an American native; grown in abundance in gardens of every state; grown easily and quickly from seed; acknowledged as a symbol of religious faith; representing beauty and rugged humility of character and like the American eagle and the American flag an exclusively American emblem; and

WHEREAS, the Farm Bureau of LaPorte County has designated as its bicentennial project the encouragement of Congress to adopt the marigold as the bicentennial emblem of the Union; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly also endorses the adoption of the marigold as the nation's floral emblem; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Indiana House of Representatives that we encourage the Congress of the United States to designate the American marigold as the national floral emblem of the United States for its bicentennial year and thereafter as our American floral emblem and to encourage the President of the United States to declare such fact by proclamation and that such Resolution be forwarded to each member of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the United States Senate from Indiana showing our endorsement of this cause.

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